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Anti-Semitism in Rumania

1. In the summer and autumn of 1952 there was a general political reshuffle in Rumania, the most important feature of which was the dismissal from their posts of Ana Pauker, Vasile Luca and Teohari Georgescu. At the same time the security services were amalgamated into the new Ministry of State Security. 25X1
2. [redacted] all these measures were the direct outcome of instructions received shortly before from the Soviet Union during two significant visits of Rumanians to Moscow [redacted]. They were as follows: 25X1
  - a. At the end of May 1952 the President of Rumania, Petru Groza, was secretly invited to Moscow as the personal guest of Stalin. The son of Petru Groza, who also bears the same christian name [redacted] his father had told Stalin in the latter's private villa that he (Groza) might as well be the President of Israel, as most of his ministers were Jews. Stalin had replied that that was a bad state of affairs and not in accordance with true 25X1

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Communist principles. The leaders of the country should be Rumanians who sprang from the people, whose confidence they must enjoy. Stalin stated he would try and find Groza some good Rumanians.

- b. In June 1952 four members of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party - Miron Constantinescu, Gheorghe Apostol, Alexandru Moghioros and Iosif Kisinevschi, secretly visited Moscow to have discussions with Soviet political leaders. Kisinevschi was the only Jew among them. They were accommodated in a villa in the district to the north of Moscow reserved for the men of the Kremlin. [redacted] in a private box at the Bolshoy Theater, but they withdrew when the lights were turned on during intermissions, not wishing to be seen in public.

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3. [redacted] in October 1952 [redacted] there had been so many changes of political, technical and scientific appointments. This applied particularly to Jews, many of whom had been dismissed. [redacted] it was only after Ana Pauker fell into disgrace that anti-Jewish feeling was allowed to be openly voiced. In many cases the feverish attempts to appoint only reliable non-Jewish Communists had resulted in the introduction of persons into high positions who were poorly educated and had little knowledge of the affairs they were supposed to handle. [redacted] the new Minister of Public Health had turned out to be especially stupid.

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[redacted] it is also the policy of the Soviets to have as ministers in the satellites comparatively little-known persons who have no particular popular appeal, in order that Soviet policy can more easily be implemented in those countries.

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5. Nevertheless, [redacted] this obvious discrimination against Jews is not due to racial anti-Semitism, but merely to the fact that the Jews, because of their connections with relatives in non-Communist countries, are regarded as unreliable elements in the event of war with the West. Few of those removed from their posts have been arrested, and the majority have been given other unimportant work often in remote country districts.
6. Marshal K. Ye. Voroshilov, who pays frequent visits - sometimes announced, sometimes not - to Rumania, once told President Groza that he could arrange for him to become a Communist Party member, which he thought would be advisable. Groza replied that he was not anxious to accept the offer. [redacted] this was because Groza is an honest man, not a convinced Communist, and does not wish to commit himself.

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#### Rumanian Armed Forces

Although Rumania now maintains armed forces larger than those permitted under the Peace Treaty, [redacted] in the event of war, they will not be increased to anything like the level of World War II. The Soviets do not trust the Rumanians sufficiently to allow them a large army, and the place of young Rumanians is, in their eyes, chiefly in the factories.

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